

Landfill FIRE UPDATE

Fire Information: (540) 525-1539



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USDA Forest Service George Washington & Jefferson National Forests

Mount Rogers National Recreation Area

Friday November 15, 2013 10:00 a.m.

Location	The Landfill Fire is located on the north slope of Horse Heaven Mountain, approximately one mile south of the town of Speedwell in Wythe County. It is east of Highway 21 and south of the Speedwell Landfill.
Estimated Acreage	Approximately 500 acres
Containment	15% contained
Overview	Construction of hand and dozer line along the western and eastern portions of the Landfill Fire continued on Thursday. A significant amount of unburned fuel remains between these constructed lines and the fire perimeter. Firefighters will continue burnout operations to eliminate this fuel and secure these lines. Weather conditions limited burnout operations on Thursday, but operations are expected to resume on Friday. No structures are currently threatened.
Fire Cause	The fire was reported late Tuesday night, November 12, 2013. The cause of the fire is under investigation.
Resources on the Fire	Approximately 62 firefighters and support staff, including one hotshot crew, one dozer, two engines, and a helicopter are assisting with the Landfill Fire.
Closures	The Henley Hollow Trail and a section of the Virginia Highland Horse Trail located along the top of Horse Heaven Mountain are closed.
Cooperators	USDA Forest Service Speedwell Volunteer Fire Department Virginia Department of Forestry Wythe County Emergency Management
Fire Weather	Friday Weather: Partly cloudy, with a high near 55 degrees. Light and variable winds, becoming southwest at 6 mph late in the day. Minimum humidity, 31%. Friday Night Weather: Mostly cloudy with a 70% chance of rain. Calm winds. Low temperature near 39 degrees with a max humidity of 94%. Saturday Weather: Partly cloudy with a high near 60 degrees. Light and variable winds becoming SE at 3 mph. Maximum humidity, 62%.
General Fire Information	 Safety of the public and firefighters is always the number one priority when dealing with wildfires. Smoke from the Landfill Fire may be visible near Speedwell and surrounding areas for several days. Homeowners can learn how to make their homes less susceptible to wildfires by visiting: www.firewise.org Places to get fire information: Inciweb: http://www.inciweb.org/incident/3749/ Twitter: www.twitter.com/wythecounty Facebook: www.facebook.com/wythecounty www.wythethenews.com